

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY SYSTEM RECOMMENDED PROTECTIVE ACTIONS

The recommended protective actions at a threat level include those at all lower threat levels.

LOW <i>General Risk with no credible threats</i>	GUARDED <i>General Risk with no credible threats</i>	ELEVATED <i>Elevated risk of attack; no specific target identified</i>	HIGH <i>High risk of a local terrorist attack</i>	SEVERE <i>Intelligence indicates a terrorist attack is imminent</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announce/explain Threat Condition to employees and to the public. Identify critical facilities that may need protection. Review Emergency Response Plans. Conduct training, and exercises of response plans. Conduct training for citizens and employees. Encourage to take emergency management and American Red Cross first aid and CPR training. Provide emergency preparedness information to employees newsletters, articles and posters. Conduct routine inventories of emergency supplies and medical aid kits. Budget for physical security measures. Encourage programs for employee immunization and preventive health care. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announce/explain Threat Condition to employees and the public. Assess vulnerabilities of each critical facility and the protective measures. Ensure departments prepared for assigned disaster responsibilities. Review communications plans; call-down procedures. Conduct emergency training/exercise emergency response plans. Ensure emergency management and response functions are staffed. Support the local volunteer programs. Remind staff and public to be alert for suspicious packages, activities, vehicles. Secure buildings, equipment and vehicles to prevent theft, tampering or destruction. Evaluate information on public websites that could compromise security. Encourage all citizens and employees to have necessary immunizations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announce/explain Threat Condition to employees and the public. Review physical security plans for critical facilities. Assess potential terrorist targets; develop plans to counter an attack. Assess vulnerabilities of critical facilities/buildings; estimate consequence of loss; assign a protection priority. Secure buildings. Inspect buildings for suspicious packages. Train volunteers. Monitor current news events and state and federal terrorist advisories. Keep the public informed. Coordinate mutual aid support in the event of a disaster or terrorist threat. Conduct tabletop and functional exercises. Review physical security measures; install intrusion detection and passive systems as funding permits. Conduct weekly radio communication checks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announce/explain Threat Condition to employees and the public. Restrict access to critical facilities, buildings; underground parking areas, loading docks and buildings. Require identification, sign-in and escorts. Restrict parking areas close to buildings. Remove trash containers, dumpsters and mailboxes near government buildings. Monitor security and intelligence information. Be suspicious of packages and mail. Inspect buildings and parking areas regularly. Implement rumor control to avoid public panic. Employ security at airports, dams, public utilities and critical facilities. ! Define engagement rules use of deadly force. Test communication plans. Verify deliveries and restrict shipments. Secure public events. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announce/explain Threat Condition employees and to the public. Inspect personnel, vehicles and packages. Deploy equipment assets and physical security measures to critical sites. Assemble volunteers Activate Mutual Aid Agreements as required. Assess vulnerability of key assets and facilities. Deploy security forces. Cancel/delay unnecessary employee travel and leave. Declare an emergency. Activate the Emergency Operations Center. Keep public informed. Provide security for personnel dispatched to repair or restore damaged facilities. Report status to next higher government. Release non-critical personnel. Conduct welfare checks of personnel and facilities. Provide security for first responders.